

LIFESTYLES



Pictured seated 1 to 7: Kerri Lawford, Katie Crowe, Stephanie Sasser, Kara Giles, Ashley Harneshon, standing 1 to 4: Sara Purvis, Amanda Spicer, Bobbie Jo York, Shay Johnson and Casey Skinner.

Girl Scout Tea held Sunday, April 28

The young ladies of Senior Girl Scout Troop #300 and their leader, Mrs. Robert Cannon, entertained on Sunday, April 28th at Taylor Mill Oaks at the troop's annual Spring Tea.

Arriving guests were met and welcomed by Miss Katie Driggers, Miss Rebecca English and Miss Lacey Carlisle who escorted them to the registry table which was covered by a sheer floor length cloth of embroidered linen. Miniature houses, scale models of the Bickly cottage on Buford Street and Mrs. Cannon's home in Troy were placed on either end of the table which was centered with a crystal bowl holding floating candles.

Presiding over the guest registry were Miss Betty Adkinson, Miss Kristen Barnes, Miss Leanna Sutley and Miss Jennifer Waters.

Receiving the guests with Mrs. Cannon were Miss Bobbie Jo York, troop president and her mother Mrs. Robert York. Also receiving were the other seniors and their mothers: Miss Katie Crowe and Mrs. Dale Crowe, Miss Kara Giles and Mrs. Barry Giles, Miss Ashley Harneshon and Mrs. Greg Hanchey, Miss

Wiregrass Sons and Daughters of Revolution to induct new members

Induction of three new members and a program on a Revolutionary War soldier buried in Covington County are on the agenda for the May meeting of the Wiregrass Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution. The meeting will be held May 16, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the historic Rawls Hotel in Enterprise, and is open to all active former SAR members, prospective members and their guests.

Certificates and lapel rosettes will be given to Dr. Joseph D. Talmadge, Circuit Court Judge Thomas F. Head III and attorney Terrian Wilson Luck III.

Rex Everage, a chapter member, will speak on the life and family of his ancestor, Jeremiah Dixon, who is buried in Covington County in a remote family cemetery.

The Sons of the American Revolution is a 112-year-old organization whose members are descended from those men and women who devoted themselves during 1775-1783 to freeing the American colonies from British control.

Local chapters work to achieve national goals of preserving U.S. history and heritage of that period and continuing education of the public regarding events and personalities related to our history, chapter president James D. Lee said.

Anyone wishing to inquire about membership may attend the meeting or phone Lee at 774-3912, Bruce H. Taylor, 447-7736, or Richard A. Kemp II, 308-2391.



Rachel Nicole Kilbourne

Rachel Nicole Kilbourne is one year old.

Rachel Nicole Kilbourne turned one on May 16, 2002. She is the daughter of Valerie and Dan Kilbourne of Lakeland, Fla. She is the granddaughter of Herman Bryant of Ocala, Fla., Pat Cox, Mona and Jack Kilbourne of Lakeland, Fla.

The George Washington Carver High School Honors Choir of Montgomery will present a concert on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 7 p.m. at St. Beulah, Missionary Baptist Church of Enterprise.

The choir has won various awards during the year, and is under the direction of Elba native, Henry Terry.

Everyone is invited, and admission is free. St. Beulah Church is located at 121 South Carroll Street, Enterprise.

For more information call the church office at 347-7743.

Sherrie Whittaker on honor roll at Alabama State

Sherrie Whittaker, a resident of New Brockton is among 729 students named to the honor roll at Alabama State University for the Spring Semester. Whittaker was honored at the 2002 Honors Day Convocation, which was held on April 12 in the Joe L. Reed Academic Center. To qualify for the honor roll, students must have a 3.0 or higher grade point average on a scale of 4.0.

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Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gregory Robbins

Robbins-Shively wedding held Saturday, April 13

Sarah Jane Shively of Atlanta and Michael Gregory Robbins of Atlanta were united in marriage at 1:00 on Saturday, April 13, at the home of Mrs. Shively's parents, A.W. Hoadly and Carolyn Shively, of Elba. The bride, officiated the ceremony. Mrs. Sue Hopkins, of Hattiesburg, Miss., and the groom, directed the ceremony. Mrs. Sue Hopkins, of Hattiesburg, Miss., and the groom, directed the ceremony.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mrs. Reba Shively, and the late Wm. Shively of Koinett, Missouri, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hopkins of Jonesboro, Arkansas. She is also the granddaughter of the late H. H. Wise, Warlick of Elba.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Robbins of Atlanta. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Griffin of Clyde, Ohio, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robbins of Clyde, Ohio.

The bride given in marriage by her father, wore a two-piece ivory V-neck crepe gown with a short flowing train. She carried a bouquet of mixed flowers in spring colors, and wore pale pink and white azaleas in her hair.

The Twentieth Century Study Club holds monthly meeting

The Twentieth Century Study Club met April 11 at the Elba Public Library, with Mrs. Judy Eastburn and Mrs. Betty Vaughan as hostesses.

Mrs. Judy Eastburn, president, presided over the business session. She then introduced the speaker, Mrs. Peggy Stroud, a club member, who spoke on the topic, "Are you thriving or just surviving?"

On this subject she stressed the importance of getting priorities in order to get the most out of life.

Members were inspired by Mrs. Stroud's talk, which was well-received by all.



LOCAL ATTORNEY BILL STOKES had a great time dancing with his daughter Susan Lawford at grandson Jake's wedding reception in Spartanburg, South Carolina on February 23rd.

LIFESTYLES



Left to right: Mrs. Nellie Jones, Mrs. Jane Logan, Miss Molly Logan, honoree, Mrs. Lois Locklar, Miss Michelle Jones, and Mrs. Nancy Jones.

Miss Molly Logan honored with miscellaneous bridal shower

Miss Molly Logan, bride elect of Mr. Christopher Phillip Jones, was honored with a miscellaneous shower in the community room at the Elba City Library, Sunday afternoon May 5, 2002.

Mrs. Betty Boland greeted the guests and invited them to sign the guest registry. The receiving line consisted of Mrs. Nellie Jones, grandmother of groom, Mrs. Logan, bride's mother, Miss Molly Logan, honoree, Miss Michelle Jones, sister of the groom, Mrs. Nancy Jones, mother of the groom.

Guests were invited to enjoy refreshments including petit fours decorated with yellow and white sugar spun flowers, the bride-to-be chosen colors, cheese straws, nuts and punch. Crystal appointments held the refreshments which were served from a table overlaid with a white hatterburg lace tablecloth. A large arrangement of spring flowers centered the table. Gifts were displayed around the room on tables overlaid with white tablecloths. Many friends and family members enjoyed the afternoon.

Hostesses for the occasion were: Mrs. Betty Boland, Mrs.

New Brockton citizens observe National Day of Prayer

On Thursday, May 2, 2002, a group of concerned citizens met at the Town Park in New Brockton for the observance of the National Day of Prayer. Mayor Charles Cole had asked Mr. Glenn Reeder to organize the event which began with music led by Rev. Mike Medley. Rev. John Grayer led the invocation followed by a big well come from Mr. Cole. Mr. Layton Griffin led in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and Rev. Doug Lawson led the prayer for America. Madonna Medley sang. The prayer for our nation was given by Dr. John Ganger. The prayer for our armed forces was given by Mr. Larry Murphy. The prayer for our civil servants was given by Rev. Billy Redd. The prayer for our families was given by Rev. Henry Johnson. The prayer for our youth was given by Miss Melonie McGlothlen. Melonie also read a poem about the absence of "The Lamb" in our schools. Mr. Roger Rudd led the time of commitment. Mrs. Candice Simon sang "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb" and led everyone present in singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Rev. John Grayer dismissed the group with a prayer of benediction.

Fifth annual Beulah School Reunion to be held Saturday, June 1

Gaines Ray Jeffcoat and Recreation Center in Opp, Ala. will be the setting for the 5th Annual Beulah School Reunion on Saturday, June 1, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish. For more information contact: Faye Powell Nelson - (770) 886-5052, Kate Wilks - (334) 493-4937, Linda Powell - Holloway - (334) 493-6818 or Marc Pitland - (334) 493-6616.

Kimberlin Murray's dance team competes in competition

Kimberlin Murray, 5, of Elba is one of several members of a 4-5 year old Competition/Performance Team to bring home multiple dance awards in recent weeks.

The Jazz and Tap team, from Center Stage Dance in Enterprise, competed among teams from Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia and Tennessee in March/April regional competitions held in New Orleans, La. and Birmingham, Ala.

On March 16, the girls competed in their first-ever contest - Stage One Productions' Regional in New Orleans. The team performed in the Mahalia Jackson Cultural Arts Center in the French Quarter. Competing with teams from Mississippi and Louisiana, the south Alabama team brought home second place trophies in tap and jazz.

The team traveled to Birmingham, Ala. April 20 to compete in the Applause Regional, held at the historic Alabama Theatre. Dancing tap to "This Land is Your Land," Kimberlin and her teammates brought home a Gold Award Trophy, a cash award and their division's Overall Award. Their Jazz routine was performed to Madonna's Material Girl. The Jazz performance earned the team a High Silver Trophy and 3rd Place overall in the Jazz category.

After their May 4, 2002 recital, they will compete in the Kid's Artistic Revue Regional May 12 in Atlanta, Ga. Kimberlin and the others will vie for their division's National Championship in June at the Applause Nationals, to be held in Panama City Beach, Fla.

Kimberlin is the daughter of Bill and Jan Murray and the granddaughter of Laura and Bill King all of Elba and Libby Murray of Ozark. Her late grandfathers were L.G. Weeks and Jimmy L. Murray.

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Miss Amy King

Miss King & Mr. Hall to be united in marriage July 13

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. King of Trussville announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Janet, to John Michael Hall, son of Mrs. Marilyn Hall and the late Mr. J.B. Hall, Jr. of McDonough, Georgia.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Dr. and Mrs. E.M. Warr of Elba. Mrs. Vonnice King of Montgomery and the late Mr. R.A. King of Elba. She is a graduate of the University of

Montevallo. The future groom is the grandson of the late Mrs. Marian Sims and the late Mr. Junior Clemens of Des Moines, Iowa and the late Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Hall, Sr. of Murphy, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Clayton State College.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, July 13, 2002, at the First Baptist Church of Elba.

Deadline for Social News is Monday!

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Sasha Kidd & Brady O'Neal
Shower: 05/19/02 Wedding: 06/15/02
Stephanie McDonald & Trent Calhoun
Shower: 4/14/02 Wedding: 06/01/02
Mandy Shirley & Wade Mundy
Shower: 4/21/02 Wedding: 6/08/02
Heather Davis & Jason Fox
Shower: 6/15/02 Wedding: 6/22/02
Molly Logan & Christopher Phillip Jones
Shower: 5/5/02 Wedding: 5/25/02
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Shower: 6/2/02 Wedding: 7/01/02

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Those in attendance for the groundbreaking ceremony of the levee project headed for the shelter of this tent as rain began falling during the event. Though the shower lasted only a few minutes, many felt as if the rains presence was only fitting for this particular event.

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would take care of the work. So, Monday morning he sent a happy message when he said, "We've got the money. You do the work!"

"Today is going to mark the beginning of the reconstruction by the Corps of Engineers," said Shelby.

The levee project is estimated to have a total cost of \$12,900,000 with the state part being \$4,655,000, and the work will increase the height of the levee by as much as six feet in some places. Also, the base of the levee will be increased to as much as 65 feet in some places and side slopes changed from 2-1 to a 3-1 grade.

Barbara Everett, wife of U.S. Congressman Terry Everett, spoke in place of her husband who had to be in Washington Monday for the signing of the Farm Bill.

"You're more than just a groundbreaking event for Terry and me," she told the people in attendance. "You're family and friends."

Everett said over the years, she has been reminded that Elba is a town blessed with courage with a reputation for endurance.

Representative Terry Spicer spoke from a personal level and said he remembered wondering how Elba would ever come back as he stood and watched the water rush into the city after the levee broke in 1990; however, he said the determination of the people of Elba has shown that Elba is back.

"Today marks the beginning of a new Elba," Senator Jimmy Holley said. "It will be one that washes away the fears of another flood."

Officials have indicated that most of the work will be done on the inside of the levee to protect its integrity in case of sudden heavy rains during or immediately after construction, and the construction time is expected to be 18-24 months depending upon weather conditions.

"We will get this fixed, and we will give you the protection you deserve," said Col. Robert

Keyser Division Engineer of the Corps of Engineers, Mobile District. "Thank you for getting us this money, and we look forward to working with all of you."

Also present and taking part in the ceremony was Alabama Speaker of the House Seth Hammett, of Andalusia and a native of Rose Hill, which is 15 miles from Elba. Lee Helms, State Director of the Alabama Emergency Management Agency, Todd Davison, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other local, county and state officials. The ceremonies were opened with prayer by Reverend John Baxter, president of the Elba Ministerial Association.

Bids for this project will be opened June 28 by the Corps of Engineers, and the contract is set to be signed with the successful bidder sometime around mid to late July. The actual work on this project will begin 30-45 days after the contract is signed.

The Elba City Council continues to handle routine business, and handle it quickly during their twice monthly meetings. Monday evening the council accepted bids on several levee and ADECA buy-out houses, paid the bills, approved four resolutions and heard a favorable report on the sewage lagoon.

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Enterprise, Elba or New Brockton Housing Authority may sign up for Farmer's Market.

Coupons at their respective senior center or at the housing authority office where they live. However, for those planning to sign up in New Brockton, Mobley said the times would be as follows: Wednesday, May 15, 8:00 am - 12 noon; Thursday, May 16, 1:00 pm - 4:00 p.m.; or Friday, May 17, 8:00 am - 12 noon.

He said there will be eligibility requirements this year to include the person's age and income level.

An applicant must be 60 years of age or older on the day of issuance, and their total annual income for the household must not exceed \$16,391 for a household of 1 (\$1,366 monthly); \$22,089 for a household of 2 (\$1,841 monthly); or \$27,787 for a household of 3 (\$2,316 monthly).

The Farmer's Market coupons may be used at the Farmer's Market held at the New Brockton Farm Center every Tuesday and Friday mornings starting at 7 a.m.

In other business, the commission

* Approved requests from Tindell to include a resolution for the chairman to enter into an agreement with the state for pedestrian crosswalks across the county; accepted the subdivision of Hampton Place; and a resolution requiring water lines installed under county pavement to be dry board or encased.

* Approved a motion made by Lewis for the county to pay Heritage Methodist Church for the current and cleanup of the facility after the election.

* Tabled a motion to change the time of dove hunting season in Coffee County to coincide with the north zone. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

* Approved a motion made by Thompson to begin plans to pave County Road 158, which is part of a subdivision.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple felt this matter should be tabled for further discussion; however, his motion to table the matter was dissolved after failing to receive a second.

* Approved a motion to accept the high bid from Donald Hussey and Sons for the purchase of an "A" frame house on Hwy. 125 in the amount of \$5,105.05.

* Approved a motion to accept the high bid for the Coffee County Jail inmate pay telephone service from EverComp at 48.5 percent on gross revenue and a \$7,500 signing bonus.

* Approved the low bid for steel pipe from Harvey Culvert Co. of Oneonta, Ala. in the amount of \$9,211.50.

Commissioner Westbrook said she had received a letter from the girl scouts thanking the commission for its help in getting water to the organization's facility in the county, and she said she would like to thank the county maintenance and highway departments for the work they did.

Also, Westbrook wanted to remind citizens who vote at Beat 15 in the Zion Chapel community that the voting place has changed from the school to the newly renovated Zion Chapel Senior Citizen Center.

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Tuesday, May 28, at 9 a.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

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\$500 to a high of \$8,275.51. There were two properties on which no bids were received, one on Buford Street and another on Plant Avenue. Successful bidders included: Ducky Johnson House Movers, Jack Odom House Movers, Roland Powell and Larry Grant Contracting. The total high bids for all seven houses was \$17,260.35.

Bills totaling \$22,151.85 were approved for payment. They included \$4,985.97 for vehicle and equipment repair, \$893.74 for asphalt mix, \$1,169.40 for chemicals, \$560.00 for manhole and pipe, and \$1,350.00 second quarter NCIC computer access fee.

Mayor James Grimes reported to council members that the city had received a satisfactory lagoon inspection report. The council voted to accept the report.

Four resolutions pertaining to a proposed Downtown Redevelopment project were passed by the council. One was approving the filing for a planning grant, the second was for a redevelopment block grant. The other two were commitments to pay the matching share of the projects if the grants are approved. These were for \$10,000 and \$60,000 respectively.



2002-2003 NBHS CHEERLEADERS. The 2002-2003 New Brockton High School cheerleaders held their first pep rally last Thursday afternoon, May 2, as winners of the "Kiss a pig" fundraiser were announced. Those leading the cheers for New Brockton during the 2002-2003 school term will be: Kayleigh Watson, Whitney Donaldson, Hillary Mock, Amber Ogburn (Co-captain), Merisa Rodgers, Lori Wade, Ashley Stuckey, Jamie Manly, Katy Grace Roberts (Captain), Bettie Brust, Melanie McGlothlen and Connie Brown. Serving as the school's mascot "Big Red" will be Delora Moore.

Festival at the Well set for Saturday

The Flowing Well Foundation, Inc. will host the Ninth Annual Festival At The Well on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 9 a.m. in Glenwood, Ala. The festivities will begin with a parade at the northern section of town and will proceed to the festival site where the Opening Ceremony will be held.

There will be activities for the entire family, including musical entertainment - Gospel, country, blue grass and dancing - arts and crafts show, food and a children's beauty pageant.

The children's beauty pageant will have on-site registration, but anyone may pre-register by calling 334/335-6470, Marie Faulk.

The festival will conclude with an old-fashioned street dance beginning at 7 p.m. with the band "Young Country." Also the Coffee County Trail Riders will meet Friday evening, May 17, at the Glenwood Community Center and will participate in the parade.

I would like to thank you for your many years of kind support. Again I need your vote & support in the Republican Primary on Tuesday, June 4.

RONNIE BURNS
COFFEE COUNTY
REVENUE COMMISSIONER

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Pub. Pol. Adv. by Larry Dickey, 28940 Hwy. 87, Jack, AL 36346 Ph. 697-2985

COMMUNITY NEWS

149th Annual Brunson Reunion held April 20 in Elba

The 149th Brunson Reunion was held Saturday, April 20, 2002, at the family picnic area on Brunson Farm in Elba. Approximately 400 descendants of this Coffee County pioneer family were in attendance.

The reunion is believed to be the oldest continuous tradition in Coffee County. It began in 1853 when Matthew Eugene Brunson

and Sarah Blanchard Brunson moved their family of seven children to the then 12-year-old Coffee County and established their permanent home. The location became known as Brunson, Alabama, and was located seven miles northeast of Elba in the present day Woodland Grove Community. They were later joined by Matthew's brother, Rev. L.H. Brunson and his sister Amanda Brunson McDermott and their families.

Most of the people who attend the reunion now are descendants of the children of Matthew and Sarah. These were Josiah Pinckney (Pink), Matthew II (Matt), Silas, Eugene (Pig), John Franklin, Anna and Sarah (Sally), who married Layette Morgan. All descendants are encouraged to attend.

From the beginning a traditional barbecue meal has been prepared and served along with individual basket dinners. In the 149 years the reunion has been held it has never been canceled or postponed and has been held over a period of three centuries.

A special highlight for the family this year was the return to the farm after three years of being held at the Elba Elementary School. The reunion was moved to the school when a series of storms destroyed the picnic grounds. A new picnic area has been constructed.

The Sesquicentennial of the Brunson Reunion, the 150th, will be held on April 26, 2003. Family members can look forward to returning for another day of great fun, food and fellowship.



Betty Brunson Barrett of Montgomery presents the New Testament Bible of Sylvia and Josiah Brunson to family historian, Judge Marion Brunson. The Bible was printed and published by McCarey and son, No. 126 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa., in 1817. Three of their children - Matthew Eugene Brunson, Rev. Lucius Hezekiah Brunson, and Amanda Brunson McDermott came to Coffee County and have many descendants remaining here.



Oldest in attendance: Ruth Brunson Mason of Dothan, age 91, was the oldest woman present. Luther Arnold of Columbus, Ga., was the oldest man.



Five-month-old Ben Hutchison of Elba was the youngest child attending the reunion. He is pictured with his parents, Benji and Janna Windham Hutchison.



Eight states were represented at the 2002 Brunson Reunion. Representing their states are **Seated, L-R:** West Virginia - Jeannette Henley Wolfe of Moorefield; **Alabama** - Frances Brock Brunson, Chlo; **Florida** - Christine Brunson Ives of Winter Haven; **Georgia** - Valerie Hutchison of Duluth; **Standing, L-R, Colorado** - Leonard Hutchison of Centennial; **Virginia** - Larry Eastridge of Meadows of Dan; **Texas** - Darlene Hutchison, Dallas; **North Carolina** - Wink Hutchison; **Franklin**.

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DONNIE FARRIS

REVENUE COMMISSIONER

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Elba AARP holds successful April meeting

The Elba AARP Chapter monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 6 p.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. Katrina Calhoun, owner of Taylor Oaks Assisted Living Home, will be the speaker. Over 50 people attended the April monthly meeting to hear State Rep. Terry Spicer speak about concerns of seniors and what the Legislature is doing to help older Americans.

Nell and Jim Gilmer, AARP Volunteer Tax Aide workers, presented Louise Hornsby, Director of the Elba Sr. Center, and her staff a Certificate of Appreciation for their assistance in scheduling appointments and furnishing office space for income tax preparation for seniors.

Those planning to attend the May monthly meeting are asked to bring a covered dish. For more information, contact the chapter president, Syble Hahn at 897-6982.



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Views from... THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I don't know if my vote will count, but last weekend I cast a very strong "NO" vote when the girls asked if they could get a puppy. We already have an outdoor dog that has to bark to remind us when he is hungry or thirsty, and an indoor dog that we have to take turns walking outside. If the girls would pay any attention to the dogs it might be different, but so far Mom and Dad have always ended up adopting any and all animals that the girls have taken in, and we are too old to raise another baby!

SWINGS AND MISSES...

*** Last spring the Elba Tigers had to cancel the annual Black and Gold game due to a lack of players, but that wasn't the case last week as a total of 53 players dressed out in the annual event and gave a large crowd a preview of things to come. The large number of players is a credit to Coach Mike Waters and his staff, and it was easy to see at the game the players are blessed with some exceptional skill people. Coach Waters will be the first to admit next year's team might be a little young in the line. However, my guess is that the Tigers will work hard over the summer months and by the time the season kicks off the line will be solid and ready to lead the way. There can be no doubt that the Elba Tigers have made a quick return to the ranks of contenders in the 3A ranks and will be fun to watch and cheer for next season.

*** The high school sports scene came to a disappointing end for the Kinston Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs last week as both teams were eliminated in playoff action. The Bulldogs were swept by Fayetteville defending state champ G.W. Long in the 1A baseball semifinals, while the Lady Bulldogs were swept by Houston Academy in sub-state action in slow-pitch softball. Kinston may not be the biggest school around, but the Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs had a very successful sports year and kept Kinston's winning tradition alive and well.

*** The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks will be looking to go out with a bang in slow-pitch softball this week when they head up to Montgomery to compete in the final slow-pitch state tournament. The Lady Gamecocks will make the switch to fast-pitch next season and will not doubt be a 2A power, but Coach Trent Trawick and his girls decided to try one last time to get a state title, and should have a solid shot at bringing home the title if they play well. This will be the last time around for all the slow-pitch teams in the state, and while fast-pitch is fun and can be exciting, it is a shame to see the exciting sport of slow-pitch end.

*** Saturday was a busy sports day here in Elba for the youth of the area as 12 baseball teams and 19 softball teams came to town to play ball and have fun. The busy day lasted well into the night, but it was fun for all and at no cost to the players and fans.

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Sweep past Cottonwood 13-3, 11-8

Lady Gamecocks advance to state tournament

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks earned a berth in the State Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament last weekend by sweeping the Cottonwood Lady Bears 13-3 and 11-8, in New Brockton.

The (22-8) Lady Gamecocks opened the weekend's action by rolling to an easy 13-3 win, in six innings. New Brockton

Kinston Bulldogs eliminated from 1A playoffs by G.W. Long Rebels

The Kinston Bulldogs saw their season end in a nightmarish Friday afternoon in the semifinals of the State Class 1A baseball playoffs when they were eliminated by the G.W. Long Rebels 5-0 and 11-1, at the Heflin Smith Sports Complex, in Kinston.

The Rebels earned G.W. Long (28-6) a berth in the state championship game for the sixth straight season, while Kinston ended its season with a 26-5 record.

Kinston managed only four

Kinston Lady Bulldogs fall in sub-state action to Houston Academy

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw their season come to an abrupt end Thursday afternoon when they were defeated by the Houston Academy Lady Raiders 15-1 and 19-1 in sub-state action in the Class 1A slow-pitch softball playoffs.

Tana Smith ripped a triple in the opener to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Katie Smith,

At SAS

Osborn snaps Smith win streak

By Mark Chisum

Coming into Saturday night's racing program at South Alabama Speedway, Sumner had won every Roadrunner Feature in 2002. Ricky Osborn put an end to that streak Saturday, leading all 20 laps to capture the checkered flag.

Osborn had the advantage at the start as he was on the pole. Smith, meanwhile, had to start 15th due to his win last week. Osborn jumped out to the early lead with Jerry Hudson in tow. Hudson made his first start of the season and had a fast race, but Osborn was faster on this night, though, and pulled out to a seven car length lead. By the time Smith cleared all of the traffic, Osborn had checked out. Osborn won by half of a straight-away over Hudson. Smith managed to come as far as third before laps ran out. Perry Boin and Jason Singletary rounded out the top five.

While Smith struggled to get from the front to the rear in the Roadrunner Feature, Scotty Anderson was able to complete the task in the Super Stock Feature. Anderson started tenth in the competitive class, but started picking off cars each lap and moving into third spot by the ninth lap. Jody Henderson started on the pole, but was fighting a loose rear end and gave up the lead to Tommy Adams on the third circuit. Adams held the lead for the majority of the race. Anderson moved past Henderson on lap 14 and ran Adams down a few laps later. David Ashley joined the fray in third spot two laps later. Adams and Anderson got

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hits in the opening loss and had five base-runners throw out on the base paths, but bounced back in game two and jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the opening inning on an RBI by Ryan Anderson. G.W. Long moved on top 2-1 in its half of the first, however, and never looked back as the Rebels pulled away to claim the big win. Patrick Nelson, Ryan Anderson, Matthew Wilkerson and Justin White all got 1 hit for the Bulldogs.

Bridgett Marlowe and Brittney Hunko all added singles. Amber McKinnis, Bridgett Marlowe, Tana Smith, Kaleigh Sanders and Brittney Holley all had singles in game two. Kinston ended the season with a 22-15 record, while Houston Academy advanced to the state tournament with a 25-2 state.

together in turn four on lap 22 and by the time Adams got his Camaro headed in the right direction, Anderson and Ashley had slipped by. Anderson held off Ashley to pick up his third fifth win of the season. Henderson also got by Adams, but his car was found to be too light in post race inspection, moving Adams back to the third spot in the finishing order. Ken Parker was credited with fourth and Jerry Weathering fifth.

In the Modified Feature, Kevin Peel got back on the winning track. Peel took the lead from Ken Gibson on the eighth lap and went on to win his feature of the year. Gibson held on to finish second, his best finish of the season. Jamie Ater came across the stripe third, followed by J.C. Stewart and Shep Lucas, in the Super Street Feature. Jeff Smith held off a fast closing Harold Hunt to take the win. Smith took the lead from Billy Ammons on the fifth lap and pulled out to a five car length lead. Hunt had to battle his way past Ammons, but once cleared, he was able to run Smith down. Smith's rear bumper was as close as Hunt got, however, and Smith took home his third winner's trophy of 2002. Ammons was third and Steve Scarborough fourth.

In the exciting Street Stock Feature, Doug Gandy enjoyed the early lead while Brian Martin and Derek Deese worked their way from the back. Gandy held off Timbo Kendrick in the early portion of the race and had a strong car all race. Martin was able to work his way inside of Gandy on lap 21. Martin completed the pass in turn one on lap 22. Deese and Gandy had contact in turn three with Gandy spinning from contention. The caution set in a four lap dash between Martin and Deese. Deese tried to make his move on the outside going into turn one after the two got together as they took the white flag. Martin was able to hold Deese off and crossed the line with Deese on his bumper. Kendrick was third in the final rundown, followed by Tim Hudson and Stacey Bedsole.

In the Mini Sportsman Feature, Kelly Speive appeared to be headed to his first win, but a blown engine with just a couple of laps left handed the win to Kenny Younce Sr. Ken Younce Jr. was second with B.J. Fountain third. Bobby Fountain and Alan Cherry were fourth and fifth.

all added 2 hits. New Brockton used a late rally in the second game to pull away and complete the two-game sweep. A two-run double by Brittney Donaldson sparked a four-run outburst in the fifth inning to put the Lady Gamecocks on top 11-5, and New Brockton turned back a late rally to claim the exciting

win. Rena Donaldson got 3 hits to lead New Brockton, while Melanie McGlothlen, Kendra Cole, Brittney Donaldson and Yameka Hall all added 2 hits. The Lady Gamecocks will continue their trip toward a possible state championship on Thursday at 12:00 (noon) when they oppose Haleyville.

Elba Parks & Recreation * Baseball * Softball *

SCHEDULES

BASEBALL	
TEE-BALL	Monday, May 20
Hawkins-Williams, Field #3	In Elba
6:30 - Mets vs. N.B.	In Laverne
6:00 - Braves vs. Braves	7:45 - Laverne, Braves vs. D'Backs
Tuesday, May 21	Tuesday, May 21
6:00 - Giants vs. Phillies	6:30 - Z.C. vs. Elba Braves
COACH-PITCH BASEBALL	
Hawkins-Williams, Field #1	Thursday, May 16
6:00 - Rockies vs. Dodgers	N.B. vs. Reds
Tuesday, May 21	6:00 - Dodgers vs. N.B.
6:00 - Dodgers vs. N.B.	7:30 - Rockies vs. Reds
SOFTBALL	
TEE-BALL	Monday, May 20
Hawkins-Williams, Field #3	Thursday, May 16
6:00 - Swallows vs. Cubs	
COACH-PITCH	
Hawkins-Williams, Field #1	Monday, May 20
6:00 - Snappers vs. New Brockton	
DIXIE ANGELS & DIXIE PONYTAILS	
Thursday, May 16	Thursday, May 16
6:00 - New Brockton vs. Zion Chapel	7:30 - Patriots vs. Stars
6:00 - ZC Black vs. New Brockton	In Opp.
5:30 - Blaze vs. Opp.	7:00 - Twisters vs. Opp.
Friday, May 17	6:00 - ZC Red vs. ZC Black
6:00 - ZC Red vs. ZC Black	7:30 - Patriots vs. New Brockton
Monday, May 20	Monday, May 20
6:00 - Twisters vs. Zion Chapel	7:30 - Stars vs. ZC Red
Tuesday, May 21	6:00 - New Brockton vs. Blaze
6:00 - New Brockton vs. Blaze	7:30 - New Brockton vs. ZC Black
DIXIE BELLES	
Elba games at High School	Thursday, May 16
In Laverne	In Laverne
6:00 - Dodgers vs. H. Home	7:30 - Devil Rays vs. River Bandits
Monday, May 20	Monday, May 20
In Laverne	In Laverne
6:00 - Devil Rays vs. Brantley	7:30 - Dodgers vs. H. Home
Tuesday, May 21	In Elba
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KEVIN GOOSBY...caught this 11-pound catfish recently while fishing in a private pond.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist

Fly Fishing For Bass

Watching a big bass hit a twitching popping bug on glass smooth water as the Sun slides over the horizon is just about as much excitement as most fishermen can catch on one time. While catching a big bass on any tackle is exciting, catching one on a fly rod takes things to a higher level of excitement.

Fishermen have been catching bass on fly rods for years, but fly fishing in general and especially bass fishing with a fly rod is becoming more popular with anglers across the South. Even if a fisherman is not skilled in using a fly rod, they often possess knowledge and fishing experience gained over years of bass fishing with spinning and bait casting tackle they can utilize. It takes only a few afternoons of practice in the back yard to become proficient enough to start bass fishing with a fly rod.

One doesn't have to have a degree in entomology or be an expert at matching the hatch to catch bass on a fly rod, either. The last decade has brought many new lures and equipment to sporting good stores, but the old standby popping bug is hard to beat. Popping bugs are just what the name implies, bait that pops when it is pulled across the water in short skips or jerks. A few feathers and wiggling rubber legs add a little extra excitement for Mr. Bass once he sights the lure that originally attracted him by sound.

Poppers are more productive in the late spring and summer and again in the early fall when bass are most active as surface feeders. Popping bugs and bass flies come in a large selection of colors and sizes. I have caught more bass on a medium size green and black frog colored pattern than any other popper. Large dry flies used for trout are also good. They don't attract bass with the noise of a popper, but their flashy colors and natural look are enticing to bass and large panfish.

I have had little experience fly fishing with a sinking line and underwater baits, but from all reports this is a productive method. I know an angler from Tennessee who catches big bass using subsurface baits that imitate minnows, eels, worms, etc.

Fly rods in the 5-7 weight ranges will serve double duty as a panfish and up to medium-size bass rod. If you are going to purchase a fly rod just for bass fishing, an 8 or 9 weight rod has more muscle. Pursist fly fishing anglers for bass use floating, intermediate and sinking lines and an array of flies and other baits to use from surface fishing to getting down deep.

The fly rod will never replace the spinning and casting rod for bass fishing, but if your heart can stand the excitement, you may find bass fishing with a fly rod an exciting alternative to the more conventional fishing methods.

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*** Marlins 8 ZC Black 5 - The Marlins jumped out to an early 5-1 lead and never looked back to lead the Zion Chapel Black 8-5, in Dixie Minor action. The Marlins scored five runs in the top of the first to grab a quick lead, and led 7-1 in the third before having to turn back a late rally to claim the win. Taylor Cotton got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Marlins, while Brandon Byrd, Kevin Allen and Michael Spurlin all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Hayden Gibson had a double to lead the ZC Black.

*** Cardinals 16 Samson Pirates 6 - The Cardinals used a late outburst to outscore the Samson Pirates 16-6, in Dixie Minor action. The Cardinals owned a slim 1-0 lead after two innings, but broke loose for 15 runs in the next two frames, to pull away and take the big win. Chance Goosby had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Cardinals, while Justin Mallory added 2 hits and scored 2 runs. Michael Martin added 2 hits and scored 1 run, and Ashton Davis and Jonathan Farmer both added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Brandon Carrin ripped a home-run for the Pirates, while Bruce Fraud added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

*** Pirates 19 Kinston 4 - The Pirates pulled ahead early and rolled to an easy 19-4 win over Kinston, in Dixie Youth action. The Pirates scored the first run in the bottom of the 13th to grab the lead and rolled to the lopsided win. Gavin Flowers, Bobby Hudson and Martin McCormick all got 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Pirates, while Dimetro Tyson added 2 hits and scored 2 runs and Richard Coors scored 3 runs. Brian Lassiter got 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Kinston.

*** Zion Chapel 13 Rays 6 - Zion Chapel pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down the Rays 13-6, in Dixie Youth action. Zion Chapel scored six runs in the bottom of the first to establish a 3-0 Rays lead, and then slowly pulled away to claim the exciting win. Joe Davis and Logan Carney both had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Harry White and Matt Brunson both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Drew Ellis and Blake Qualls both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Rays.

*** Gamecocks 8 Cardinals 4 - The Gamecocks pulled ahead early and held on late to down the Cardinals 8-4, in Dixie Minor action. The Gamecocks scored seven runs in the opening inning to grab a quick 7-1 advantage and held on late to post the win. Austin Bryant and Justin Griswold both got 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while Kendrick Robertson had 1 hit and scored 1 run for the Cardinals.

*** Rays 6 Pirates 3 - The Rays pulled ahead early and held on late to edge past the Pirates 6-3, in Dixie Youth action. The Rays jumped out to an early 5-1 lead and held on late to post the exciting win. Jordan McBride ripped a pair of home-run to lead the Rays, while Ricky Yeager added 1 hit and scored 2 runs and Drew Ellis added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Gavin Flowers, Bobby

Hudson and Tim Geddings all got 1 hit and scored 1 run for the Pirates.

*** Astros 17 Indians 5 - The Astros scored runs in bunches to outscore the Indians 17-5, in Dixie Minor action. The Astros jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead and never slowed down as they rolled to the big win. Dylan Hays and Ryan Pope both got 1 hit and scored 3 runs to lead the Astros, while Devin Jackson added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Ric Johnson scored 2 runs to lead the Indians.

*** Brantley 16 Mets 5 - Brantley pulled away late to down Zion Chapel 16-5, in Dixie Boys action. Brantley owned a slim 3-1 lead heading into the third inning, but scored 4 runs in the third to pull ahead and then pulled away to claim the big win. Kevin Hines added 1 hit and scored 4 runs to lead Brantley, while Tott Warrick added 2 hits and scored 3 runs and Shawn Nelson added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Stephen Driggers had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Mets, while Chase Hines and Brad Sullivan and Hunter McGuire all added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

*** Laverne Braves 7 Gamecocks 1 - The Laverne Braves pulled ahead in the third inning and held on to down the Gamecocks 7-1, in Dixie Boys action. The Braves used a two-run third to take a 3-1 lead and held on for the win. Jessie Dixon got 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Braves, while Andrew Armour added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Stephen Hines got the only Gamecock hit, while Justin West scored the only run.

*** Gamecocks 6 Zion Chapel 5 - The Gamecocks pushed across the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning to win the game. The Gamecocks trailed 5-0 after two innings, but slowly crawled back in the game and then won in the seventh. Tad Adams and Stephen Hines both got 1 hit and scored 1 run. Stephen Hines got the only Gamecock hit, while Dusty York and Josh Allums both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Justin Culver and D.J. Stinson both got 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel.

*** Stars 12 Patriots 7 - The Stars led all the way to defeat the Patriots 12-7, in Dixie Ponytails action. The Stars jumped out to an early 4-0 lead and then used an eight-run third to take command as they pulled away for the win. Tierney Starks and Marissa Bludworth both scored 2 runs to lead the Stars, while Megan Anderson and Courtney Richardson both had 1 hit and scored 1 run for the Patriots.

*** Twisters 9 Gamecocks 1 - The Twisters pulled ahead early and then pulled away to down the Gamecocks 9-1, in Dixie Angels action. The Twisters scored 3 runs in the bottom of the first to grab the lead and then pulled away for the big win. Molly McGuire, Keanna Wilson, Nikki Prettyman and Breanna Rogers all scored 2 runs for the Twisters, while Jessie Hilyer scored the only Gamecock run.

*** Gamecocks 16 ZC Red 13 - The Gamecocks scored runs in bunches to outscore the ZC Red 16-13, in Dixie Ponytails action. The Gamecocks 11 runs in the opening inning to take a big lead and held on late to escape with the wild win. Kelley Green scored 3 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while Shay Carpenter, Chelsea Smith and Gwen

Costner all scored 2 runs. Nelson and Wilson scored 3 runs apiece for the ZC Red, while Vinson and King both scored 2 runs.

*** Gamecocks 10 Blaze 8 - The Gamecocks staged a wild rally to outscore the Blaze 10-8, in Dixie Angels action. The Gamecocks trailed 8-3 heading into the final inning, but rallied with seven runs to pull out the wild win. Aubrey Hawkins scored 2 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while Selena Stokes and Katelyn Calhoun both scored 2 runs for the Blaze.

*** Twisters 11 Zion Chapel 4 - The Twisters pulled ahead early and then pulled away to down Zion Chapel 11-4, in Dixie Angels action. The Twisters scored five runs in the bottom of the first to take a 5-2 lead and scored in every inning in the pull away with the win. Kevin Wilson scored 3 runs to lead the Twisters, while Haley Bryan, Molly McGuire, Nikki Prettyman and Breanna Rogers all scored 2 runs. Heather Hines and Kelley Green both hit home-runs for Zion Chapel.

*** ZC Reds 14 Gamecocks 13 - The Zion Chapel Reds pulled ahead early and then rallied late to outscore the Gamecocks 14-13, in Dixie Ponytails action. The Reds jumped out to an early 7-0 lead, but saw the Gamecocks rally and had to score three runs in their final at-bat to escape with the wild win. Flowers and Strength both scored 3 runs to lead the Reds, while Mitan added 2 runs. Brittany Eubanks scored 3 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while Stephanie Beaver, Shay Carpenter and Mia Taylor all scored 2 runs.

*** Gamecocks 28 Ducks 24 - The Gamecocks outscored the Ducks 28-24 in Coach-Pitch softball action. Brooklyn Kersey, Sloan Cotter, Heather Hendrix, Lindsey Foster, Katlyn Huxford and Katelyn Adkins all scored 3 runs for the Gamecocks, while Shelby Hendrix and Erica Edwards both scored 2 runs. Kayla Parks, Megan Concannon, Jalia Bonham, Bailey Daugherty and Kayla McWaters all scored 3 runs for the Ducks, while Elisa Dewberry, Tiffany Williams and Loree Gartin all scored 2 runs.

*** Reds 27 Gamecocks 24 - The Reds outscored the Gamecocks 27-24 in Coach-Pitch baseball action. Jaron Kelley, Gunnar McCollough and Joey Orr all scored 3 runs. Shelby Brantley, Kyle Hayes, Spencer Jordan Williams, Ashton Senn, Hayden Disotell, Justin Pope and Parker Riley all scored 2 runs. Scoring 2 runs for the Gamecocks were Jesse Watson, Aubrey Bryant, Logan Hamilton, Nathan Credille, Hur Winters, Taten Swanson, Kyle Turner, Matt Rogers, Garret Stephenson, Cody Winters and Adam Bryant.

*** Rockies 20 Dodgers 12 - The Rockies outscored the Dodgers 20-12 in Coach-Pitch softball action. Taylor Ellis scored 3 runs for the Rockies, while Trey Powell, Jeremy Duncan, Brennan Schindler, Chris Thompson and Matt Winters all scored 2 runs. Chace Sauls scored 3 runs for the Dodgers, while Garrett Dunn and Seth Hanchey both scored 2 runs.

*** Rockies 25 Reds 17 - The Rockies outscored the Reds 25-17 in Coach-Pitch baseball action. Tyler Anderson, Trey Powell, Austin Johnson and Taylor Ellis all scored 3 runs for the Rockies, while Jeremy Duncan, Brennan Schindler, Chris Thompson and Darceen Burks all scored 2 runs. Devin Holloway, Gunnar McCollough and Jaron Kelley all scored 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Bandits, while Melanie Mularz and Amber Parmar both added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Haley Stinson, Valerie Hutcherson and Krystian Parker both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Jennifer Hilyer scored 3 runs.

Curve rallied to cut the lead to 14-13 in the fifth inning, but ran out of gas and took the loss. Hannah Manning and Summer Stricklin both got 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead the Curve, while Brittany Dudley scored 2 runs.

*** River Bandits 16 Andalusia Jazzy Devils 8 - The River Bandits scored 10 runs in their final two at-bats to pull ahead and defeat the Andalusia Jazzy Devils 16-8, in Dixie Belles softball action. The Bandits owned a 6-3 lead after three innings, but had to rally late to hold on for the win. Melanie Mularz got 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the River Bandits, while Valerie Hutcherson added 2 hits and scored 3 runs and Jennifer Hilyer added 1 hit and scored 3 runs.

*** Eufaula Athletics 5 River Bandits 4 - The River Bandits surrendered four unearned runs in the final inning to drop a 5-4 decision to the Eufaula Athletics, in Dixie Belles softball action. The Bandits earned a 4-1 lead into the final frame, only to suffer the disappointing loss. Haley Stinson got 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Bandits, while Melanie Mularz and YoYo Reynolds both added 1 hit.

*** Eufaula Blue Jays 4 Curve 3 - The Curve had the potential tying run thrown out at the plate in the final inning in a 4-3 loss to the Eufaula Blue Jays, in Dixie Belles softball action. The Curve led 3-2 early, but fell behind in the fourth and tell one run short in the fifth. Hannah Manning got 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Curve, while Shay Thippen and Kayla Miller both added 1 hit and scored 1 run and Summer Stricklin and Brittany Dudley both added 1 hit.

*** Curve 10 Eufaula Athletics 5 - The Curve pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down the Eufaula Athletics 10-5, in Dixie Belles softball action. The Curve pulled ahead in the second inning and then pushed across three runs in their final at-bat to hold on and claim the win. LaFondra Thippen got 1 hit and scored 3 runs to lead the Curve, while Summer Stricklin added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Brittany Dudley and Kayla Miller also added 1 hit, each.

*** Eufaula Blue Jays 6 River Bandits 3 - The River Bandits saw an early lead fade fast in a 6-3 loss to the Eufaula Blue Jays. The Bandits owned a 2-0 lead after two innings, but saw the Blue Jays rally late to claim the wild win. Melanie Mularz got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Bandits, while Amber Parmar added 1 hit and scored 1 hit.

*** Andalusia Devils 15 Curve 5 - The Curve fell behind early and never recovered in a 15-5 loss to the Andalusia Devils, in Dixie Belles softball action. The Curve owned a 3-0 lead early, but saw the Devils score five runs in the bottom of the first and never recovered to take the loss. Summer Stricklin got 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Curve, while Hannah Manning added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Shay Thippen added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Stacy Mitchell, LaFondra Thippen and Leigh-Anna Bryant all added 1 hit.

*** River Bandits 11 Andalusia Devils 0 - The River Bandits pulled ahead early and coasted in with an 11-0 win over the Andalusia Devils, in Dixie Belles softball action. The Bandits owned a 2-0 lead after one inning and then plated seven runs in the second to take command as they rolled to the big win. YoYo Reynolds got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Bandits, while Melanie Mularz and Amber Parmar both added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Haley Stinson, Valerie Hutcherson and Krystian Parker both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Jennifer Hilyer scored 3 runs.

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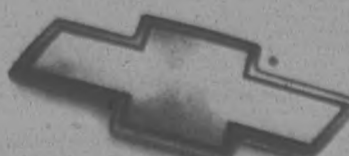
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Baccalaureate - Sunday, May 12, 2002
First Assembly Of God Church-3:00 P.M.



Katherine Grimes
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Valedictorian

KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL
Graduation- Thursday, May 30, 2002
7:00 P.M.. Kinston High School Auditorium
Baccalaureate - Sunday, May 26, 2002
Ino Baptist Church - 6:00 p.m.



April Hawthorne
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Graduation-Friday, May 31, 2002
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Baccalaureate-Sunday, May 26, 2002-
Zion Chapel Baptist Church-2:30 p.m.



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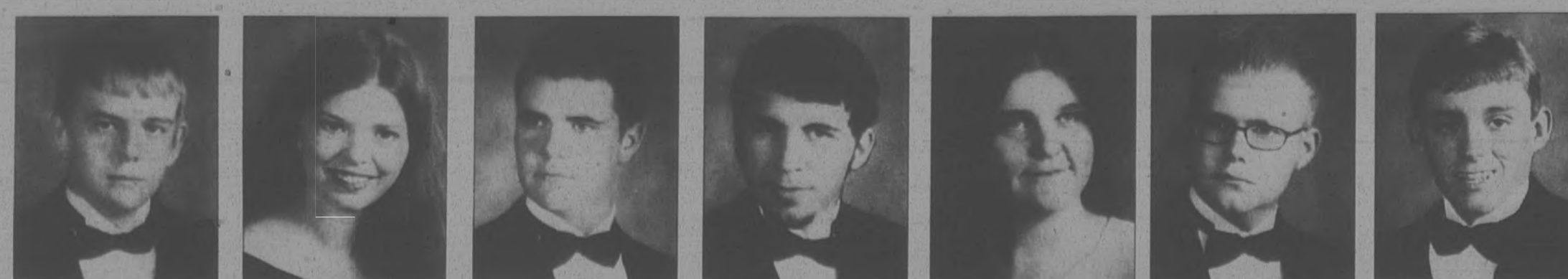


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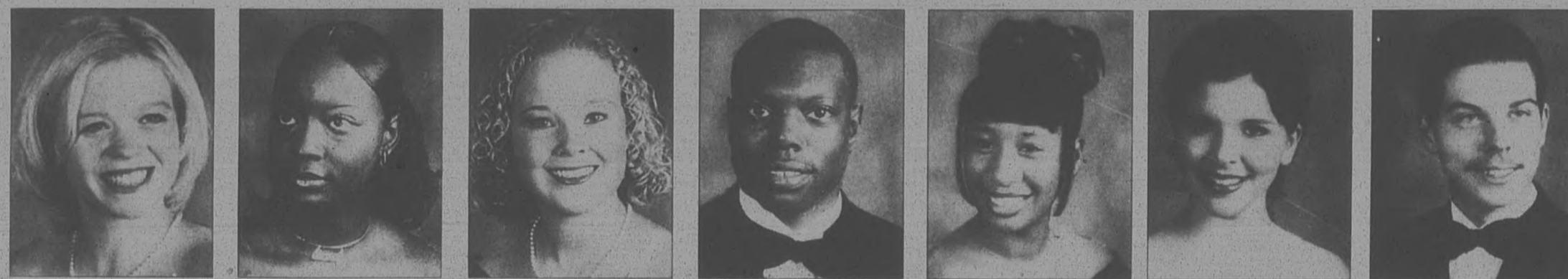
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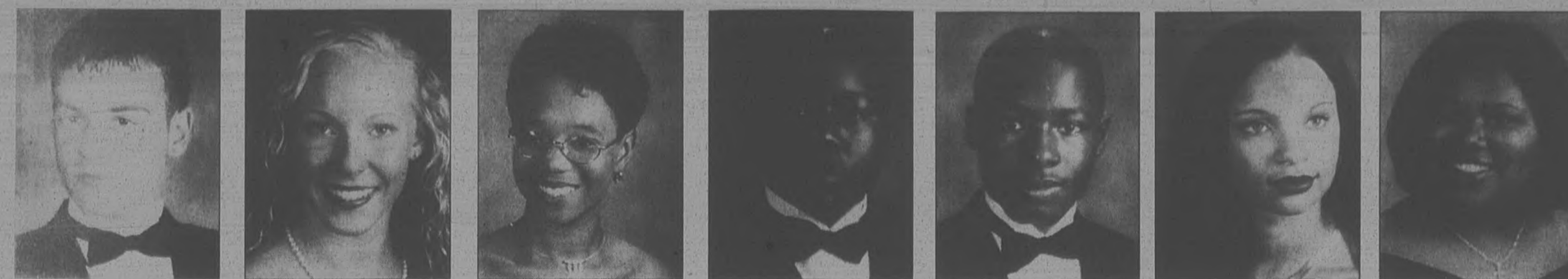
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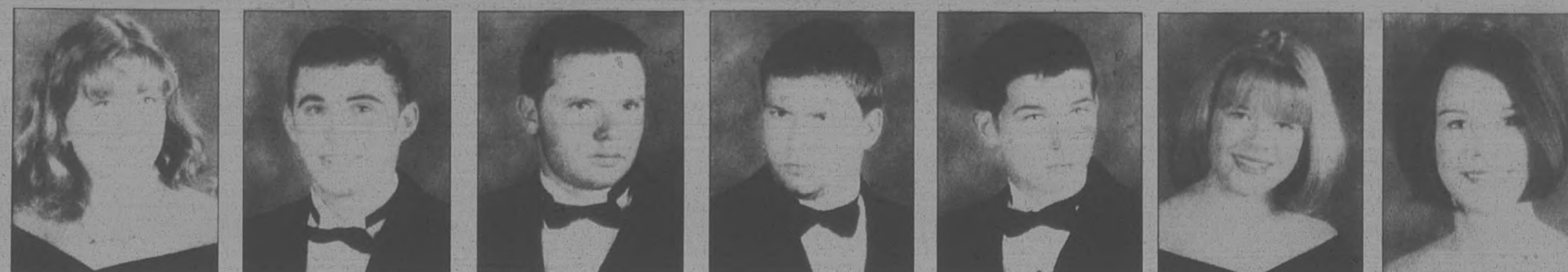
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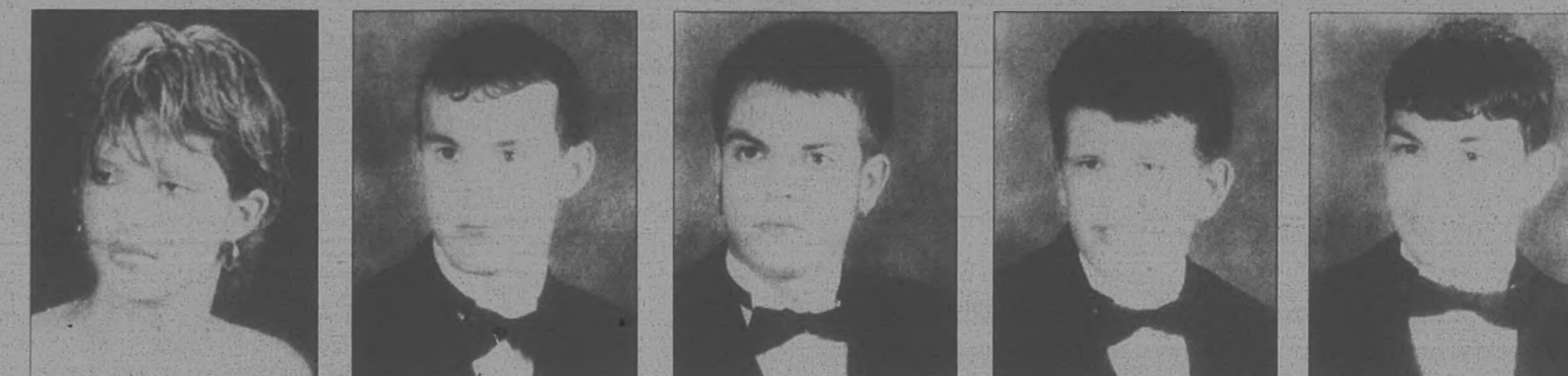
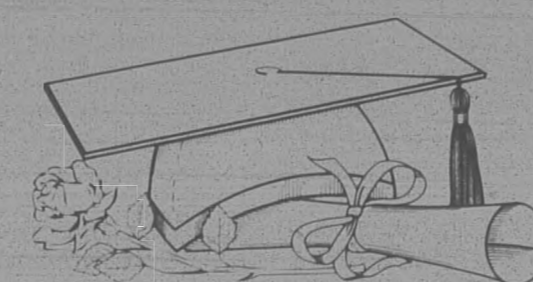
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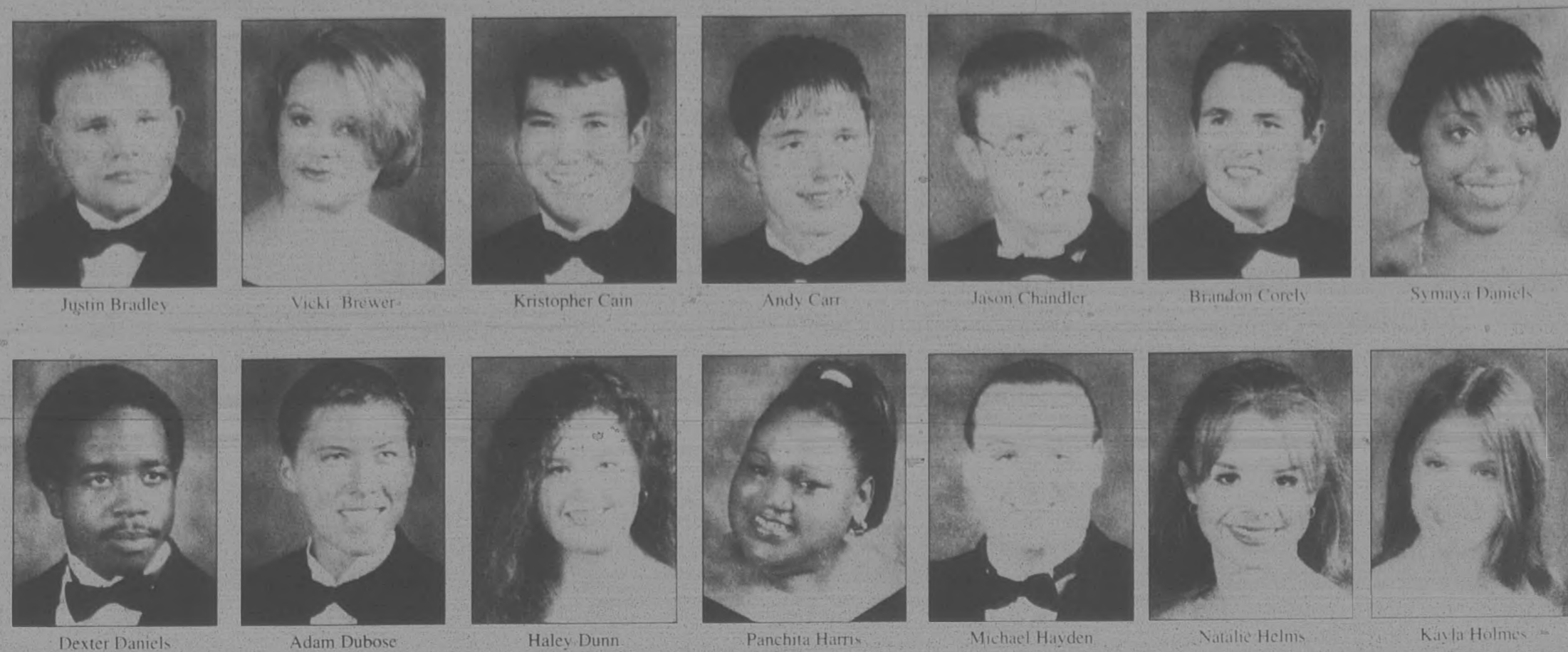
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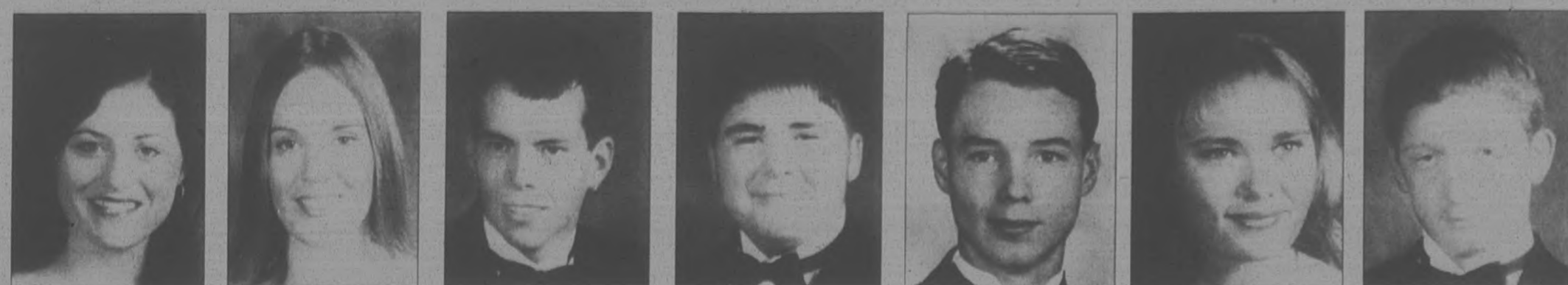
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During Coffee County BOE meeting

Making Academics Count resolution adopted

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education approved its first budget amendment for the fiscal year Wednesday, May 15, during a called meeting of the board.

"When we started the school year, some things changed that weren't in the proposed budget," Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said.

She said this basically meant that the school system got some additional monies which were not reflected in the proposed budget approved by the board, and the amendment was necessary to reflect the changes from the original proposal.

Ingram said the major change included increased revenues of restricted items by about \$300,000. Also, she said the system had experienced some decreases in expenditures.

"This is a technical item," Ingram said. "We're not doing anything different. We just needed to amend this to reflect the changes from the original proposal."

The budget amendment passed with a unanimous vote.

Ingram presented the idea of creating a job description for a computer technician within the county school system to board

members. "As our technology increases, we will need more service," she said. "We wouldn't have to wait for service if we had our own computer technician."

Ingram said if the school system chose to hire its own computer technician, there would be no waiting for a technician to come from somewhere else to tend to the schools' needs. Instead, the system would have its own in-house technician which would keep more consistency with the equipment.

If the board decides to look at hiring a computer technician, Ingram said the school system would need a job description already set, and she said most of the salary for this type position would be paid through federal monies.

Board vice chairman Danny Jernigan said this is the first time he has heard of any idea of a problem with the computer technicians currently being sought even though the board often asks if the technicians are meeting the school system's needs.

Ingram responded by insisting there has not been a problem with the technicians, but the idea is that the school system would be better served in the future by having its own technician instead of having to wait for one.

"We just want to explore in that direction to see where we are and where we are going," she said.

No action was taken on this matter.

Upon the superintendent's recommendation, the board approved the following personnel matters.

Kinston - Certified
Accept the resignation of Patty Taylor, assistant principal at Kinston Elementary School. Taylor submitted her resignation in order to accept employment at Opp Middle School.

Accept the resignation of Joy Davis, business education teacher at Kinston High School. Davis submitted her resignation in order to seek employment in another state.

Kinston - Support
Non-renew Joni Smith, WIA aide.
Non-renew Anita Peacock, bus driver.

Accept the voluntary transfer of Jimmie Baker, non-certificated instructional aide from a K-6 non-certificated instructional aide to a K-12 non-certificated instructional aide.

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C.C. Sheriff's Department seizes marijuana plants

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A Coffee County property owner got quite a surprise last weekend when he came up from his mobile residence to check his property and stumbled upon marijuana plants being grown.

Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates said his department seized 453 marijuana plants valued at \$2,000 per mature plant on Saturday, May 18. The plants were being grown on a piece of property in the Shiloh community.

"It has probably been four years or so since we have found that much marijuana in one seizure," said Moates. "Most of the time, we only find 10 to 12 plants."

Moates said the plants were found by the property owner, and he was not sure what he had

found growing on his property. Therefore, he called Myron Williams, chief deputy with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, who also resides in the Shiloh community.

Moates said Williams immediately recognized the plants as marijuana plants, and the department began its seizure and investigation.

At this time, the persons responsible for the cultivation of the plants are unknown. However, Moates said charges are pending based upon the determination of the suspect(s) through the ongoing investigation.

Anyone with information pertaining to this investigation is urged to contact the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at 894-5535.



Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates (right) and Investigator Donnie Farris (left) show off some of the 453 marijuana plants seized in the Shiloh community last Saturday, May 18.

Agriscience department termination remains unresolved by Elba BOE

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba School Board tabled any action on terminating the Agriscience department at Elba High School for another month. There were nine students and seven adults in attendance at the meeting either addressing the board members or to hear their decision on the issue.

Superintendent Danny Weeks had previously recommended to the board that this program be terminated in order to keep the budget out of a deficit situation.

Board members accepted five retirement request. The list included five classroom teachers and one lunchroom worker. They are Joanie Doggett, Elementary Librarian; Janice

Phillips, Special Education (elementary); Candace Vaughan, Kindergarten; Judith Tucker, High School English and Ethel Henderson, CNP worker.

Weeks reported to the board on the status of using existing capital outlay bond issue funds. He said the system had purchased three 35 HP mowers (and may buy a tractor), will repair one bus rather than buying a new \$53,000 bus. He added they were trying to spend this money wisely and buy equipment the school really needs.

The meeting closed with a quick review of the many end-of-school activities planned during the last days of school.

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Alabama launches 2002 Memorial Day Click It or Ticket campaign

Just a few years ago, Alabama had the 11th worst fatality rate in the nation. Now, it has the nation's 10th highest seat belt usage rate. Since 1999,

Alabama's seat belt usage rate has climbed from 58 percent to 79.4 percent. In 2000, as compared to 1999, there were 162 fewer deaths and over 3,500

fewer injuries as a result of traffic crashes.

Despite Alabama's rising seat belt usage rate, there are still drivers who don't buckle up themselves or their children. In fact, more than 20 percent of Alabamians still refuse to buckle up. These drivers should beware because the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) is conducting an enforcement blitz involving every law enforcement agency in Alabama to crack down on drivers who violate adult seat belt or child passenger safety laws.

"Although Alabama's current seat belt usage rate is 79.4 percent, this is not enough," said Colonel James Alexander, director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety. "The truth is that there remains a portion of the population that refuses to wear seat belts. This is especially true in certain geographic areas like Montgomery, Mobile and Etowah counties. With seat belt usage rates below 70 percent, these three counties will be especially targeted during the campaign."

In 2000, 78.8 percent (801) of the 986 Alabamians who died in crashes were unrestrained.

Research shows that minorities are less likely to wear their seat belts and, therefore, at a greater risk to be involved in car crashes that result in serious injury or death. In Alabama, African-Americans buckle up 3

percent less than whites and Latinos buckle up 20 percent less than whites. Car crashes are the leading cause of death for African-American children under the age of fourteen. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for Latinos ages 1-44 and the third leading cause of death overall for Latinos of all ages, surpassed only by heart disease and cancer.

"Not only will we target geographic areas with low seat belt usage rates, but we will also concentrate on getting the word out in the minority community," said Colonel Alexander. "We value all lives equally and are concerned that we are losing African-Americans and Latinos at such a high rate. We have to make sure that our African-

Americans buckle up."

The annual event was held at Enterprise State Junior College, and the estimated 3,000 county participants didn't let a little rain spoil the fun as they walked, talked, ate, played and enjoyed the fellowship throughout the evening. As always, the most solemn part of the evening was the lighting of the luminaries in memory and honor of those who have battled cancer, and a silent lap around the track was taken honoring those who lost their battle to the dreaded disease. Annette Helms, Ella Jean Vaughan and Patsy Meeks, members of the Elba United Methodist Church team, are shown above lighting candles for the luminary ceremony. The smaller picture shows some of the members of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County team passing time with a card game. Those caught holding the cards include Stacy Parker, Rene Bradshaw, Shirley Henderson, Amy Bowers and Judd Bowers. On a side note, Jack-in-the-Box Daycare of the Zion Chapel community placed second in the t-shirt contest with The Peoples Bank of Coffee County placing third.

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NOTICE

The last day to register to vote in the June 4 Primary Election is Friday, May 24.

Anyone having questions about his/her voting status or polling place should call the Coffee County Board of Registrars in New Brockton at 894-5347 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.